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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members
The Jeffrey Matthews Financial Group, L.L.C.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of The Jeffrey Matthews Financial Group, L.L.C. as of December 31, 2008, and the related statements of income, changes in members' equity, cash flows and changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors for the year then ended that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Jeffrey Matthews Financial Group, L.L.C. as of December 31, 2008 and the results of operations, cash flows and changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedule I is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Friedman LLP

February 12, 2009

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

## **DECEMBER 31, 2008**

ASSETS		
Cash	\$	99,516
Receivable from clearing organization		2,442
Deposit with clearing organization		100,000
Receivable from broker		2,390
Securities owned, at market value		2,124,286
Secured demand notes collateralized by marketable securities		387,500
Accrued interest receivable		28,474
Property and equipment - at cost, net		39,571
Other assets		309,697
	\$	3,093,876
Payable to clearing organization Securities sold, not yet purchased, at market value Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities Deferred revenue	\$	873,056 73,800 380,307 325,000
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Commitments		
Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors		387,500
Members' equity		1,054,213
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## STATEMENT OF INCOME

Revenues	
Trading income	\$ 5,289,630
Commissions	708,519
Syndication income	235,875
Investment income	322,405
Other	277,923
	6,834,352
Expenses	
Employee compensation and benefits	4,539,743
Interest	111,554
Clearance charges	159,580
Communications	55,468
Occupancy	290,989
Promotional costs	79,390
Quotation Services	20,098
Regulatory fees	72,789
Depreciation and amortization	32,199
Other operating expenses	744,217
	6,106,027
Net Income	\$ 728,325

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY

Balance, January 1, 2008	\$ 825,888
Net income	728,325
Member distributions	(500,000)
Balance, December 31, 2008	\$ 1,054,213

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Cash flows from operating activities	
Net Income	\$ 728,325
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by	
operating activities	
Depreciation and amortization	32,199
Changes in assets and liabilities	
Receivable from broker	18,398
Receivable from clearing organization	125,864
Securities owned	58,957
Accrued interest receivable	35,867
Other assets	(96,882)
Payable to clearing organization	(570,735)
Securities sold, not yet purchased	67,773
Deferred Revenue	100,000
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	 (45,536)
Net cash provided by operating activities	454,230
Cash flows from investing activities	
Acquisition of furniture and equipment	 (9,962)
Cash flows from financing activities	
Due to members	(47,055)
Member distributions	 (500,000)
Net cash used in financing activities	 (547,055)
Net decrease in cash	(102,787)
Net decrease in Cash	(102,707)
Cash, beginning of year	202,303
Cash, end of year	\$ 99,516
Supplemental cash flow disclosures	
Interest paid	\$ 111,554

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS

Balance, January 1, 2008	\$ 645,975
Proceeds from subordinated notes	-
Repayment of subordinated notes	(258,475)
Balance, December 31, 2008	\$ 387,500

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Description of Business**

The Jeffrey Matthews Financial Group, L.L.C. (the "Company"), organized in 1996, is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (FINRA). The Company operates sales offices in New Jersey and New York and acts as a broker and dealer of products consisting primarily of municipal bonds, corporate bonds and stocks. The Company has a finite life which will terminate upon the occurrence of a specified terminating event or December 1, 2050, whichever occurs first.

Operating in the securities industry subjects the Company to economic and political trends and conditions.

Security transactions and related revenues and expenses are recorded on a trade date basis. All investments at December 31, 2008 are held by the Company's clearing organization.

#### **Use of Estimates**

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## Concentration of Credit Risk for Cash

The Company maintains its cash balances at one financial institution. These balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation subject to certain limitations.

#### **Deferred Revenue**

Amounts received as an incentive from the clearing broker are being recognized over the five year term of the agreement.

#### Member Equity

In accordance with the operating agreement, each member has made an initial capital contribution to the Company in varying amounts of cash. Additional capital contributions shall be required only with the written consent of the members. No interest shall be due from the Company on any capital contribution of any member. Net income and net losses in respect of each fiscal year of the Company shall be allocated to the members, on the last day of such fiscal year, in amounts proportionate with the members' interests in the Company. The members' shall have no liability or obligation for any debts, liabilities or obligations of the Company beyond the members' respective capital contribution or obligation to make a capital contribution, except as expressly required by applicable law.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **Depreciation and Amortization**

Depreciation is computed utilizing the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets ranging from 5 to 7 years. Leasehold improvements are amortized using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives or the term of the lease, whichever is shorter.

#### **Commissions**

Commissions and related clearing expenses are recorded on a trade-date basis as securities transactions occur.

#### **Income Taxes**

The Company is not a taxpaying entity for income tax purposes and, accordingly, no provision has been made for income taxes. In June 2006, the FASB released FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes" ("FIN 48"). Upon implementation of FIN 48 an entity will be required to utilize different recognition thresholds and measurement requirements when compared to prior technical literature. On December 30, 2008 the FASB Staff issued FASB Staff Position 48-3, "Effective Date of FASB Interpretation No. 48 for Certain Non-Public Enterprises", which has deferred the implementation of FIN 48 to fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. Since the Company has not implemented the provisions of FIN 48, it has continued to follow policy contained in SFAS No. 5, "Accounting for Contingencies". Disclosure is not required of a loss contingency involving an unasserted claim or assessment or awareness of a possible claim or assessment unless it is considered probable that a claim will be asserted and there is a reasonable possibility that the outcome will be unfavorable.

The FASB is currently reviewing the effects, if any, of implementing FIN 48 as it would affect pass-through entities. In the absence of any guidance, management cannot predict what effect this would have on the Company, since present practice requires the entity to pass through any tax effects to the individual members to be reported on their individual tax returns.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 2 - SECURITIES OWNED AND SOLD, NOT YET PURCHASED

Marketable securities owned and sold, not yet purchased, consist of trading debt and equity securities recorded at market values, as follows:

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	Owned	Pur	chased _
Federal, state and municipal obligations	\$ 2,040,779	\$	66,225
Corporate obligations and stocks	83,507		7,575
	\$ 2,124,286	_\$	73,800

## 3 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following:

Office equipment	\$ 198,574
Furniture and fixtures	25,016
Leasehold improvements	142,675
	366,265
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	326,694
	\$ 39,571

#### 4 - OTHER ASSETS

Other assets consist of the following:

Prepaid expenses	\$ 68,353
Security deposits	30,690
Notes receivable, employees	174,584
Due from employees	36,070_
	\$ 309,697

## 5 - PAYABLE TO CLEARING ORGANIZATION

The payable to clearing organization represents loans collateralized by marketable securities at the broker call rate of 2.0% at December 31, 2008.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 6 - LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS

Borrowings under subordination agreements, from related parties, at December 31, 2008 are as follows:

Liabilities pursuant to secured demand note collateral agreements

4 200 000
\$ 220,000
75,000
92,500
\$ 387,500

The subordinated borrowings are covered by agreements approved by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and are thus available in computing net capital under the Securities and Exchange Commission's net capital rule. To the extent that such borrowings are required for the Company's continued compliance with minimum net capital requirements, they may not be eligible for repayment.

#### 7 - COMMITMENTS

The Company is obligated under non-cancelable operating leases for vehicles and equipment, as well as office facilities owned by individuals related to certain members and another sales office, expiring in various years through July 2011. In addition to base rent on its office facilities, the Company is required to pay its proportionate share of real estate taxes, maintenance and insurance.

The future minimum rental payments are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Total	Offices	Other
2009	\$ 155,315	\$ 94,452	\$ 60,863
2010	33,647	•	33,647
2011	10,980	-	10,980
	\$ 199,942	\$ 94,452	\$ 105,490

Rent expense under all operating leases was \$298,826 for the year ended December 31, 2008. Included in rent expense is \$227,526 paid to a related party for the year ended December 31, 2008.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 8 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

See notes 6 and 7 for related party transactions.

#### 9 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The Company maintains a 401(K) deferred compensation plan which covers substantially all employees. Participants are permitted, in accordance with the provisions of section 401(K) of the Internal Revenue Code, to contribute a portion of their gross earnings into the Plan. Employer contributions are made on a discretionary basis. No employer contributions were made for the year ended December 31, 2008.

#### 10 - REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

As a registered broker-dealer, the Company is subject to the net capital provisions of rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which requires that the Company's aggregate indebtedness shall not exceed fifteen times net capital, as defined, under such provision. At December 31, 2008 the Company had net capital of \$919,837 which exceeded requirements by \$819,837. The ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .41 to 1.

The Company operates its securities transactions under the provisions of (K)(2)(ii) of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission as a fully disclosed broker-dealer and accordingly, customer accounts are carried on the books of the clearing broker.

## 11 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS WITH OFF-BALANCE SHEET CREDIT RISK

In the normal course of business, the Company's customer activities involve the execution, settlement and financing of various customer securities. These activities may expose the Company to off-balance sheet credit risk in the event the customer is unable to fulfill its contracted obligations. The Company is therefore exposed to risk of loss on these transactions in the event of a contra party being unable to meet the terms of their contracts which may require the Company to purchase or sell financial instruments at prevailing market prices.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 12 - FAIR VALUE DISCLOSURES

The Company values its financial assets and liabilities in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements". Due to the nature of its operations, substantially all of the Company's assets are comprised of securities owned. Securities owned are carried at market value based on quoted market prices. Similarly, substantially all of the Company's liabilities arise from a payable to clearing organization and securities sold, but not yet purchased. The payables are short-term in nature and the carrying amounts are a reasonable estimate of fair value. Securities sold, but not yet purchased, are carried at market value based on quoted market prices.

#### 13 - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Company invests in certain securities. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the amounts reported in the balance sheet.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Pursuant to Rule 17a-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

As of December 31, 2008

## **SCHEDULE I**

## THE JEFFREY MATTHEWS FINANCIAL GROUP, L.L.C.

# COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008

Computation of net capital	
Total members' equity	\$ 1,054,213
Additions	
Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors allowable	
in computation of net capital	387,500
Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities	1,441,713
Deductions and/or charges	
Non-allowable assets	351,659
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions	1,090,054
Haircuts on securities positions	
State and municipal government obligations	157,241
Other securities	. 12,976
	170,217
Net capital	\$ 919,837

## SCHEDULE I (CONTINUED)

## THE JEFFREY MATTHEWS FINANCIAL GROUP, L.L.C.

## COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008

(Continued)

Computation of aggregate indebtedness	
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other	
liabilities includable in aggregate indebtedness	\$ 380,307
Aggregate indebtedness	380,307
Computation of basic net capital requirement	
Minimum net capital required (greater of 6 2/3% of aggregate indebtedness or minimum net capital requirement)	\$ 100,000
indeptedness of immunition requirements,	\$ 100,000
Excess net capital	\$ 819,837
Excess net capital at 1,000 percent	\$ 881,806
Ratio: Aggregate indebtedness to net capital	.41 to 1
Reconciliation with Company's computation (included in Part II of Form X-17A-5 as of December 31, 2008)	
Net capital, as reported in Company's Part II	
(Un-audited) Focus report	\$ 919,837
Increases (decreases) resulting from December 31, 2008 audit adjustments, net	
Net capital, as included in this report	\$ 919,837



# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE REQUIRED BY RULE 17a-5 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

To the Members
The Jeffrey Matthews Financial Group, L.L.C.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of The Jeffrey Matthews Financial Group, L.L.C. (the "Company"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Company's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5 (g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including consideration of control activities for safeguarding securities. This study included tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons and recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13.
- 2. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls, and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph, and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with managements authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5 (g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.



Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures, as described in the second paragraph of this report, were adequate at December 31, 2008, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the SEC, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (FINRA). and other regulatory agencies that rely on rule 17a-5 (g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Certified Public Accountants

Friedman LLP

East Hanover, New Jersey February 12, 2009

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